

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Attachment 1. Selection of Candidates for the Election

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Policies Concerning the Selection of Candidates
of the Democratic Bloc for the People's Election
in October 1950.

- I. Nomination of candidates for the Volkskammer, the Landtage, and the Laenderkammer.
 - a. When, after detailed discussion, the proposed key for distribution of the seats among the various parties and the FDGB (the central labor organization in the Soviet Zone) had been unanimously approved, it was decided that all candidates for the Volkskammer, the Landtage, and the Laenderkammer should be nominated by the end of July.
 - b. The candidates will be selected by unanimous decision of the Landblock after that organization has checked their political suitability. In case of disagreement the decision reverts to the Democratic Bloc. All nominations will be submitted to the Democratic Bloc as quickly as possible. The parties and mass organizations will proceed without delay to make their choice known. The Landblocks will hold their conferences, approving the lists of candidates submitted, in the last week of July.

- II. Nominations of candidates by the Landkreise, Cities and Communities.

The Democratic Bloc adopted the following procedure for the distribution of seats in the various Landkreise and municipalities.

- a. Representation in Landkreise and larger cities.

The Landblock will verify the distribution of seats according to the agreed distribution key, after receipt of the nominations from the Kreisblock. The parties and mass organizations will nominate candidates, according to the key, after they have checked and agreed upon their political suitability. Wherever any of the parties or mass organizations are for any reason unable to furnish candidates in sufficient number to fill all the seats allotted to them, the remainder of the parties and mass organizations will agree on the distribution of the vacancies.

- b. Representation from townships.

The Kreisblock will verify the distribution of seats according to the agreed key after receipt of the nominations from the local bloc. But here the local conditions must be taken into consideration, e.g. the selection of candidates must be representative of the occupational groups within the population. Wherever some parties or mass organizations are unable to present sufficient candidates the remaining parties or mass organizations will dispose of the vacant seats in accordance with the agreed key.

- c. The parties and mass organizations will request their local chapters to nominate their candidates for city councils, town councils, and Kreistage, without delay. Every local and Kreisblock will be called into session immediately to decide on the detailed distribution of seats and to discuss the suitability of the candidates nominated by the various parties and mass organizations. The resolution of the Democratic Bloc states: The bloc decides on the political reliability of the candidate.

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Since decisions are no longer made by majority vote, but unanimously, the bloc will discuss the suitability of every candidate. All nominations will be sent to the Kreisblock immediately. In case of disagreement the decision reverts to the Landblock.

III. Nomination in communities with less than 10,000 inhabitants.

- a. Nominations in smaller communities will correspond to the bloc system but here the five parties will have the principal representation. Where one or the other party is not represented locally the other parties and mass organizations will fill the vacancies. The occupational grouping of the population will be considered in the selection of candidates.
- b. The parties and mass organizations will agree on the political suitability of the candidates beforehand. The reputation of the candidates is of course of the greatest importance to the success of the election. In places where, through the absence of various parties, a bloc organization is impossible, the Kreisblock will have to check the political reliability of all nominees carefully. The Kreisblock also decides on the political reliability of all independent candidates, i.e. candidates not members of political parties or mass organizations.
- c. All nominations from small communities will be submitted to the Kreisblock by the end of July. In case of disagreement the decision reverts to the Landblock.

The Democratic Bloc.

Berlin 10 July 1950.

Glossary to the bulletin.

Demokratischer Block - democratic bloc: An organization of the various political parties, the trade unions, and the so-called mass organizations in the Soviet Zone, wherein the votes are distributed according to a prearranged key which gives the government party, the SED, the majority in all cases. The bloc is, so to speak, a super-party executive committee which has the final decision as to the suitability of all candidates proposed for election on the combined ticket. It presumably also insures the impartial implementation of the election laws.

Landblock: The Landblock and blocs at lower echelons fulfill similar functions on lower governmental levels but they are supervised by the next higher echelon.

Laenderkammer: The upper house of the Volkskongress.

Volkskammer: The lower house of the Volkskongress.

Landtag: The legislative bodies of the various Laender (States) of the DDR.

Kreistag: The representative body on the Landkreis (county) level.

The five acknowledged parties in the Soviet Zone are:

- SED - Sozialistische Einheits Partei Deutschlands - Soviet-sponsored government party in the Soviet Zone.
- CDU - Christlich-Demokratische Union, an originally religiously dominated party.

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LDP - Liberal Demokratische Partei, a party originally dominated by business men and industrial interests.

NDP - National Demokratische Partei, a party sponsored by the Soviet Administration to attract ex-Nazis, presumably a rightist party.

DDP - Demokratische Bauernpartei Deutschlands, presumably a progressive farmers' party.

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Attachment 2

Key for the distribution of seats of the National Congress of the National Front on 25 and 26 August 1950 in Berlin.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Sax.</u>	<u>Sa-An</u>	<u>Thur.</u>	<u>Meckl.</u>	<u>Brdbg.</u>	<u>Berl.</u>
SED (1)	103	73	53	38	44	60
ODU	60	42	30	17	25	35
LDP	60	42	30	17	24	35
NDP	32	22	15	10	13	19
DPD (2)	30	22	15	11	13	15
FDBG (3)	42	30	20	14	17	24
DFD (4)	16	12	8	5	7	10
FDJ (5)	22	15	10	7	10	12
VVN (6)	16	6	6	3	6	9
Kulturbund	17	10	7	3	6	8
VDGB (7)	6	4	3	6	2	3
Consumers' coops.	3	2	2	2	2	2
Personalities (8)	3	5	5	5	5	5
Soc. Germ-Sov. Rel.	3	3	3	3	3	3
Soc. Germ-Pol. Rel.	1	1	1	1	1	1
People's solidarity	2	2	2	2	2	2
Farmers' Coops.	1	1	1	1	1	1
SPD (Berlin)	-	-	-	-	-	6
Totals (9)	421 x)	294 x)	211	143 x)	161	250

Geographic distribution:

<u>State</u>	<u>Inhabitants</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Saxony	4,300,000	421	250
Sachsen-Anhalt	3,000,000	294	200
Thuringia	2,180,000	211	200
Mecklenburg	1,450,000	143	150
Brandenburg	1,850,000	181	200
Berlin	2,534,000	250	200
Totals	15,304,000	1,500	1,200
Western Germany		1,800	

Comments:

- (1) For description of parties see glossary to Attachment 1.
- (2) Original states DPD, probably the DED is meant.
- (3) The trade unions.
- (4) Women's League.
- (5) Youth Organization.
- (6) Victims of Nazism.
- (7) Communist-sponsored Farmers' Mutual Aid Ass.
- (8) Non-partisan persons prominent in public life.
- (9) The errors of addition were contained in the original available to source.

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Attachment 3

Personalities and Employees of the Secretariat of the National Front

Chairman	Wilhelm Koenen	Secretaries:	Frau Bloch
1st Deputy Chairman:	Hans Seigewasser		Frau Reidlingshoefer
2nd Deputy Chairman:	Edith Hauser	Secretary:	Frau Ilse Reichert
		"	Frau Peters

Section I: Organization

Chief:	Edith Hauser
Reports Officer:	Frau Elfriede Panther
Section chiefs:	Frau Erna Winter
	Frl. Ursula Sacksch
	Frau Grabowski
Chief of Cadre sect:	Fritz Otto
Analyst:	Herr Baske
Secretaries:	Frau Hegener
	Frau Richter

Section II: Radio, Press, and Information

Chief:	Max Nierich
Deputy:	vacancy
Section chief:	Karl Dietmar
Employees:	Arno Friedmann
	Frau Mogel

Section III: Education, Recruiting, and Training

Chief:	Hans Seigewasser	Secretary:	Annelore Scheidereiter
Deputy:	Heinz Ullrich		
Chief graphic section:	Jupp Alt	"	Frau Gorit
Reports officer:	Wilhelm Biog	"	
Leaflet section:	Herr Arlt	"	Eva Schwarz
Film, Culture, Educ.	Karl Heinz v. Brueck*		
Analyst for religious matters:	Herta Kaiser		
Printing and techn. matters:	Wilhelm Gallasch	Supply clerk:	Ewald
Training:	Karl-Heinz Riebe		

Section IV: West Germany**

Chief:	Hans Seigewasser
Deputy:	Georg Jost
Assistant:	Herr Wiebe
	Albert Radar

Section V: Finance and Supply

Chief:	Edith Hauser
Administration:	Fritz Otto
Assistant:	Karl Winkelmann
Personnel:	Hilde Schroeder
Payroll:	Lisa Knop
	Frl. Radomacher
Cashier:	Herr Storch
Motorpool:	Achim Koenig

Source Comment:

* All members of the secretariat with the exception of Karl Heinz v. Brueck (LDP) are members of the SED.

** Section IV is still in process of organization.

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